Most books about the Roman Forum would tend to focus on the Roman period itself, but this rather fascinatingly did a survey through time— not only the classical Roman period origins of the Forum, but the transformations over the years since. The authors strongly feels the importance of seeing the Forum as a living place, somewhere that developed since the time of the Roman Empire, so he spends much time lovingly describing the churches built on the site as well. I reviewed for The Bibliophibian. In his book, Watkin shows us that the Roman Forum in Rome was not just some Augustan monument of marble, but an organic and every changing space, which had a constantly changing history from the Republican era into the Medieval era and into Mussolini's time. Book Description. This richly illustrated volume provides an architectural history of the central section of the Roman Forum during the Empire (31 BCE-476 CE). About the Author. Gilbert J. Gorski is a licensed architect and the project designer for numerous buildings including the World Headquarters for the McDonald's Corporation in Oak Brook, IL, and the Oceanarium, a major addition to the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago. He is the author of the three-volume The Forum of Trajan in Rome (1997); of numerous articles in journals, including the American Journal of Archaeology, the Journal of Roman Archaeology, the Bulletino della Commissione Archeologica Comunale di Roma, the Ancient Roman Forum was the center of the civic and economic life in Republican times and imperial period. Excavations, history, arches, monuments, opening hours, tickets, facts. The Inn at the Roman Forum — the hotel in Rome, Italy which has amazing reviews from its visitors. It is located in the heart of ancient Rome with walking distance of the Colosseum and Roman Forum. Moreover, it actually houses ruins inside the property. There are modern rooms and rich breakfast offered every morning. Book your tickets online for Roman Forum, Rome: See 24,635 reviews, articles, and 15,829 photos of Roman Forum, ranked No.3 on Tripadvisor among 2,104 attractions in Rome. Home to some of the world’s most iconic paintings, the Vatican Museums attract huge crowds. Save yourself hours of waiting by booking this skip-the-line tour of the Sistine Chapel, Raphael’s Rooms, and St. Peter’s Basilica (when the option is selected) in Rome. Early morning and evening tour options mean you can explore the complex during far less crowded time slots. Upgrade to a small-group tour limited to 10 people for a more personalized experience.